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METH LAB DEFENDANT SENTENCED TO 3 YEARS AND 10 MONTHS

David L. Huber, United States Attorney for the Western District of Kentucky, and Paul Vido, Special Agent in Charge of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), Louisville Field Division, jointly announced that **Tammy L. Goode**, age 46, of 5617 Green Acres Drive, Louisville, Kentucky, was sentenced to 3 years and 10 months in U.S. District Court for manufacturing methamphetamine. U.S. District Court Judge Thomas B. Russell also sentenced Goode three years of supervised release to follow her release from prison. **There is no parole in the federal judicial system.**

Goode previously pled guilty to conspiring to manufacture 50 grams or more of methamphetamine between June 17, 2005, and February 21, 2006, attempting to manufacture 50 grams or more of methamphetamine, and possessing 5 grams or more of methamphetamine with the intent to sell it.

Between June 17, 2005, and February 21, 2006, Goode conspired with others to obtain pseudoephedrine from various pharmacies in and around the Louisville area to manufacture methamphetamine. Goode, assisted by others, obtained over 300 grams of pseudoephedrine for use in manufacturing methamphetamine during this time frame. On February 21, 2006, Louisville Metro Police executed a search warrant at co-defendant Donald Belcher's residence located at 6303

Powder Horn Drive, Louisville, Kentucky, and found a methamphetamine laboratory in the basement. Belcher had all the necessary ingredients to manufacture methamphetamine in his residence and was in the process of manufacturing methamphetamine with the intention of distribution in and around Louisville. Police located approximately 2 quarts of methamphetamine oil in the last stages of the manufacturing process. This would have produced over 50 grams of methamphetamine.

Co-defendant Donald Belcher previously pled guilty to conspiring to manufacture 50 grams or more of methamphetamine, attempting to manufacture 50 grams or more of methamphetamine, and possessing 5 grams or more of methamphetamine with the intent to sell it. Belcher also pled guilty to possessing multiple firearms, including a sawed-off shotgun, in furtherance of his drug crimes. He was sentenced on January 17, 2007, to 15 years in prison . He agreed to forfeiture to the government \$2,885 in cash and a number of firearms.

This is a Project Backfire prosecution. Project Backfire is a cooperative effort by the Jefferson County Attorney's Office, the Jefferson County Commonwealth's Attorney's Office, the Louisville Metro Police Department, and the United States Attorney's Office to ensure that firearm offenses are prosecuted to the fullest extent of the state and federal law.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney James H. Barr and it was investigated by the Louisville Metro Police Department (Third Division Flex Platoon and Metro Narcotics) and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF).

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